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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 10 a.m.

Senate

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2011

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, a Senator from the State of Delaware.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord of Life, You have given us the great hope that Your kingdom shall come on Earth. Infuse our lawmakers with such power that Your kingdom indeed will come, even as Your will is done on Earth. May the fact that You rule in our hearts so transform our lives that we will be Your instruments for good in our Nation and the world.

Lord, we dedicate this day to You to be used in serving Your kingdom. Thank You for putting at our disposal all that we need to succeed. Assure us of Your presence above us, beneath us, around us, and within us, providing us with clear direction to advance Your kingdom on Earth. We pray in Your great Name.

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable CHRISTOPHER A. COONS led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 6, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRISTOPHER A. COONS, a Senator from the State of Delaware, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. COONS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 4:30 today. Following morning business, the Senate will be in executive session to consider the nomination of Donald Verrilli to be Solicitor General of the United States.

Unless an agreement is reached, at approximately 5:30 p.m. the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Verrilli nomination.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 1125

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that S. 1125 is at the desk and is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1125) to improve national security letters, the authorities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to any further proceedings with respect to this bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar subject to the provisions of rule XIV.

THE NEED TO GET SERIOUS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I welcome back my colleagues for what I hope will be a productive month. This month is not unlike last month though or the month before or the month before that. Once again, our constituents are concerned with one thing above all; that is, jobs, work. They are concerned because of what the economy means for their families and their lives. They are worried about paying the bills next month and sending the kids to school next year. Too many want to go to the bank and once again know the dignity of depositing a paycheck instead of an unemployment check.

Our constituents are also concerned because of what our economic future

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